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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 2522

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, IN, UR
SUBJECT: INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF PODGORNÝ VISIT

REF: NEW DELHI 2084

1. SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY SKRITSKY TOLD FRG EMBOFF
FEBRUARY 17 THAT SOVIETS CONSIDERED THAT A NEW INVITATION
BY YET-TO-BE ELECTED INDIAN PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE TO BE
ISSUED BEFORE PODGORNÝ VISIT COULD BE RESCHEDULED.
PREVIOUSLY EXISTING INVITATION WAS CONSIDERED TO HAVE
LAPSED WITH DEATH OF FAKRUDDIN ALI AHMED. POLCOUNSELOR
FIALKOVSKY TOLD AN EMBOFF VIRTUALLY THE SAME THING THIS
AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 18. FIALKOVSKY SAID HE COULD NOT
ENVISAGE A PODGORNÝ VISIT UNTIL A NEW INDIAN PRESIDENT
WERE CHOSEN, A PROCESS FIALKOVSKY THOUGHT WOULD REQUIRE
SIX MONTHS AT LEAST. HE ALSO SAW OTHER OBSTACLES TO AN
EARLY VISIT INCLUDING THE LECTIONS, THE PARLIAMENTARY
BUDGET SITUATION, AND THE "HEAT THAT BEGINS IN MAY."
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SOVIETS THEREFORE DID NOT ANTICIPATE RESCHEDULING OF A
PODGORNÝ VISIT UNTIL THE FALL 1977 OR LATER.

2. ANOTHER SOVIET TOLD THE BRITISH THAT THE PROJECTED
PODGORNÝ VISIT WAS AT INDIAN INSISTENCE, AND NOT A SOVIET
INITIATIVE.

3. COMMENT: THIS SEEMS UNUSUALLY RIGOROUS PROTOCOL
INTERPRETATION OF INVITATION NICETIES. WE SUSPECT SOVIETS
MAY HAVE DECIDED TO SIT TIGHT ON HIGH-LEVEL VISIT EXCHANGES
WITH THE INDIANS UNTIL THE RESULTS OF INDIAN DELECTIONS AND
THE IMPACT ON INDIAN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES BECOMES
CLEARER.
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